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ATIC NO.        DATE OF INFO Late Aug 47  
AF NO.        LOCATION Holloman AFB, N. Mex.  
REPORT NO.        SOURCE Radar Technician  
DATE OF REPORT        DATE IN TO ATIC         
TIME OF OBSERVING        COLOR         
SHAPE        SPEED motionless MEASURE         
SIZE        ALTITUDE 200 miles MEASURE         
CUL        LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED         
NO. IN GROUP one TYPE OF OBSERVATION radar  
COULD        MANEUVERS       

PHOTOS        SKETCHES       

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## TELETYPE MESSAGE

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

FROM: AMC

DATE: 30 Apr 48

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER  
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE  
ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

RECORDED: ATTN: COL PAUL F. HELMICK

W. R. CLINGERMAN, Col, USAF  
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department

NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

MCIA-4-1

MR. ZABRISKI OF THIS HQ INDICATED THAT DR. ██████████ OF THE WATSON LABORATORIES HAS INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT. CONFERENCE WITH DR. PEOPLES REQUESTED ON 5 OR 6 MAY 1948. ADVISE IF CONVENIENT. INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVES LT-COL JAMES C. BEAM AND MR. A. C. LOEDDING WILL TRAVEL BY MILITARY AIR.

SIGNED, TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

*Subject: Interview Dr JW Peoples**-25-**2-122*

COORDINATION

C. S. OR C. O.	CONTROL OFFICE	MAINTENANCE	P & T	SUPPLY	BUDGET & FISCAL	OTHERS

HEADQUARTERS  
AIR MATERIAL COMMAND

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Project 100-4

To: Commandant, Ordnance  
US Forces Base  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

1 - On 5 May 1948, Lt. Colonel Frank C. Bernhardt, USAFAC, Commanding, representatives of Intelligence Service Department, USAFAC, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing [REDACTED] of the National Labor Council.

2 - It is believed that in the [REDACTED] base, in the vicinity of [REDACTED] in the past, organized anti-American Communist groups have been moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is requested that reports be submitted to this Headquarters giving all available information on these reported organizations. Future observations of this type will be reported to this Headquarters immediately.

Very truly yours, COMANDO OF AIR FORCE ALBUQUERQUE



15 May 1948

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CC: Commandant, Air Forces Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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1. On the evening of 15 June 1948, I saw two objects which I identified as aircraft flying objects. In that I did not personally see them I can only say that they were moving at an excessive rate of speed on a course from the [redacted] area to the [redacted] area. These objects were extremely bright and very large objects. However, the [redacted] information shows that the objects were not moving at an excessive speed, but rather were moving at a rate of speed considerably less than the velocity of 200 miles per hour. At the time of the best slope of the Omega (Modified) the angle of elevation of the object was approximately 70 degrees from horizontal.

2. During the latter part of August 1947, while working at the [redacted] on several test flights made from the [redacted] area, I have released a company test pilot and two ball bombs. After the release of the bombs as they flew over to the southeast from the [redacted] area, the test pilot followed through at a rate of over 1000 feet per second. At the time of the release, said the test pilot, instead of falling, he followed the object. It was visible for less than one second after passing it up. He did not follow it, however, at an unprecedented rate of speed and apparently could be seen at thousand feet over the top of the Sacramento mountains, traveling from [redacted] [redacted] south to [redacted].

3. There have been other unusual incidents in the [redacted] area.

4. It has been learned at state-of-the-art conferences that no reliable information

in view of the fact that this information is being suggested that the [redacted] of the Radar Laboratory, Allentown, Pennsylvania, the [redacted] New Jersey be contacted.



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Report of Trip to Holloman Air Force Base, 5 - 6 May 1948

1. The primary purpose of this trip was to interview ██████████, representing the Watson Laboratories, who was temporarily on loan to Holloman Air Force Base. Upon arrival, it was learned that ██████████ had returned to the Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, N. J. A teletype sent from Holloman Air Force Base stating that ██████████ would not be available for interview did not reach HQ, AMC in sufficient time to postpone the visit. However, it was learned that ██████████ would be at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. on or about 11 May 1948 for an indefinite period of time.

2. A civilian, Mr. ██████████, who works in the same laboratory with ██████████ had also seen the unidentified flying object while in the presence of ██████████. Mr. ██████████ was interviewed with the following stated results:

a. The object definitely was not a balloon.

b. The object appeared round and white; was at a great altitude and moved at a high rate of speed.

3. Mr. ██████████ promised to send in a detailed report through channels, together with the report of another civilian who also witnessed the phenomenon.

4. It was also learned that a ██████████ who works in the Radar Laboratory at Holloman AF Base has, on several occasions in the past, witnessed on his scope unidentified flying objects at high altitudes, moving at a very high rate of speed. ██████████ was not available for interview; however, a request for a detailed report of these observations was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base.

5. Lt Colonel James C. Beam and Mr. Alfred C. Leedding proceeded to Phoenix, Ariz. to interview Mr. ██████████ and follow up on the report and photographs submitted by him some months ago. Although Mr. ██████████ is currently employed as a pianoplayer in a night club, his primary interest is in a small but quite complete laboratory behind his home. According to his business card, this laboratory is called "Panoramic Research - Laboratory and Observatory", and Mr. ██████████ is referred to as the "Chief of Staff". Mr. ██████████ appeared to be completely sincere and apparently is quite interested in scientific experiments. Mr. ██████████ stated he was an aircraft recognition instructor during the last war, and that in his opinion, the object sighted definitely was not a wind-blown object. He reiterated that the object was not less than 2000 ft. away and that it was not much more than 2000 ft. away unless he had greatly underestimated its size. Mr. ██████████ pointed out where he had stood when he took the pictures of this flying object and indicated the exact paths of approach and departure of the object. He added that when the object turned directly away from him, he observed what appeared to be one large opening or vent across the entire trailing edge. Mr. ██████████ promised to send in another more detailed report, incorporating this observation.

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6. All agreed on the following: the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon and apparently not manned judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

7. [REDACTED] stated that he placed great credence upon these observations because all three men are trained balloon observers. He suggested that an observation team equipped with search apparatus both optical and radar be placed at Holloman Air Force Base in order that more definite information might be secured in the event of a recurrence of an incident of this type. He also suggested that the radio sonde stations in the U. S. be alerted for incidents of this type. He promised to alert the observers in his department to be on the watch for and to report any similar incidents.

8. Mr. [REDACTED] of the Radar Laboratory was interviewed on 4 June 1948. His statements do not check very closely with those contained in Lt Berkley's report to this office. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that Lt [REDACTED] was one of two observers on a Modified CPS 4 Optical Tracking Device. The observations Lt [REDACTED] reported seeing on this equipment could not be confirmed at any time by the other tracker. Mr. [REDACTED] passed off the "ghost pin" he personally observed on the radar equipment as merely the illusion of the equipment. He explained that this "ghost" did not move, and was possibly the echo from a distant mountain on a side wave of the radar equipment. He also spoke of "crazing" which is the effect on radar by the white gypsum sand in the area directly west of the Air Base. He also mentioned another form of "ghost" called "Angels" which have been detected and which are believed to be caused by changes in air density. Such phenomena have been observed and reported from Camp Edwards.

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

1. In the light of Mr. [REDACTED] statements, the frequency of the sightings at Holloman Air Force Base does not warrant the placing of an observation team at that station. Should the sightings become more frequent and more substantial evidence be received from [REDACTED] alerted observers, further consideration will be given to the initiation of such a project.

2. The Weather Service Headquarters at Tinker Field will be questioned as to the feasibility of alerting their radio sonde stations to be on the lookout for unidentified aerial objects. A similar request will be made to the Signal Corps and Coast Artillery through Headquarters, Army Field Forces.

NAME: [REDACTED]  
Lt Col., USAF  
Project Officer  
Tech Intel Div.

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